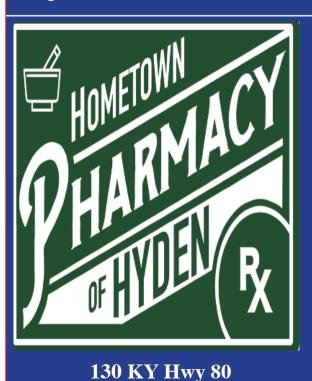




January is National Blood Donor Month! #BeAHero and donate if you can.

The Leslie County Sheriff's Office will be conducting Traffic Safety Checkpoints and Moving Patrols throughout Leslie County at the approved checkpoint areas in the month of January, 2025. Personnel conducting Traffic Safety Checkpoints will be doing so with the intent of improving highway safety by focusing on speeding, seatbelt and child restraint usage, impaired driving, motor vehicle equipment safety and lawful registration and licensing of vehicles and drivers. Officers will also be observing for distracted drivers, especially those who are texting. Any violations of law or other public safety issues that arise will be addressed. The ultimate goal of these enforcement efforts is to increase the safety of the citizens within Leslie County. If you have any questions please call 606-672-2200.



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Special Meeting Held

The special meeting of the Leslie County Fiscal Court was held Tuesday January 7, 2025 at 10:00 a. m. in the Leslie County Judge Executive's Office. The meeting was called to order by Judge Executive William Lewis. Roll call by County Clerk Onzie Sizemore showed all Magistrates present except Dusty Baker

The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate John Newell and seconded by Magistrate Russell Brock. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 3. Approval of Accounts Payable. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Russell Brock and seconded by Magistrate Roscoe Asher. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 4. Approval of Treasurer's Monthly Statement. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate John Newell and seconded by Magistrate Russell Brock. Roll call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 5. Approval of Kathy Joseph to Leslie Library Board Trustees. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Roscoe Asher and seconded by Magistrate Russell Brock. Roll Call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 6. Approval of Election Board Pay for January-December 2024. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Russell Brock and seconded by Magistrate John Newell. Roll Call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 7. Approval of U.S. Army Corp of Engineers to present an overview of the general investigation in response to 2021/2022 floods. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate John Newell and seconded by Magistrate Roscoe Asher. Roll Call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 8. Motion to approve Kentucky Ambulance Block Grant for July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026. Motion to approve was made by Magistrate Roscoe Asher and seconded by Magistrate John Newell. Roll Call was unanimous.

Agenda Item 9. Motion to approve Sheriff's

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Grace Health Awarded \$500,000 HRSA Grant to **Expand Operating Hours Across Three Locations**

Grace Health has been awarded a \$500,000 grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to enhance access to health care services through expanded operating hours. Out of approximately 600 applications submitted nationwide, Grace Health was among 126 recipients selected, and the awards total roughly \$60 million.

The funding will be used over two years to support evening and weekend hours, making health care more accessible for patients and underserved community members. By providing more opportunities for patients to receive care in a primary care setting, this initiative aims to reduce barriers to care, improve health outcomes, and alleviate the burden on emergency departments. "This grant will allow us to meet the needs of our patients more effectively," said Michael Stanley, CEO of Grace Health. "By extending

our operating hours, we can better serve our community, address preventive care needs, and ensure more individuals have access to the comprehensive services they need."

Expanded hours will be implemented at three Grace Health sites, adding a total of 14 additional service hours each week:

Grace Health Medical Campus (Knox County): Increasing from 67 to 70 hours per week.

Grace Health Hyden Clinic (Leslie County): Increasing from 48 to 54 hours per week.

Grace Health Manchester Clinic (Clay County): Increasing from 45 to 50 hours per week.

The extended hours will support patients needing care outside typical working hours, including early mornings, evenings, and weekends. Services offered during these expanded times include a full scope of primary care, such as preventive screenings, diagnostic labs and gynecological x-rays, care, pediatric services, acute care, and follow-up appointments.

Additionally, pharmacy services will be available at the Manchester and Medical Campus locations, providing prescription filling and refilling, cost assistance, patient education, and delivery services to the Manchester and Corbin area and the Hyden Clin-Enabling services will include eligibility assessments for sliding fee discounts, translation support, and transportation assistance through partnerships with RTEC, KCEOC, and Horizon Health.

"Through efficient operations, increased patient utilization, community referrals, and robust staff retention strategies," shared Stanley, "we plan to sustain expanded services beyond the grant period."

Kentucky's Circuit Clerks Launch Statewide 2025 Donate Life Scholarship Opportunity

Scholarships aim to raise awareness about the critical need for organ donation and transplantation

Since 1992, the Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks has championed the lifesaving mission of organ donation. Inspired by personal experiences-including one Circuit Clerk's loss of a loved one awaiting a heart transplant and others with connections to donation-the Circuit Clerks worked tirelessly to make a difference.

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2024 Scholarship Awardees: Attendees of the **Kentucky Association of Circuit Court Clerks** Scholarship Presentation Event held in Lexington on May 30, 2024.

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